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WISCONSIN HUNTING DOG RETRIEVAL

Domestic animals can stray onto property where their owners do not have permission to be.

Currently the animal can not be legally retrieved without the property owner's permission.

Property owners cannot always be located to obtain the necessary permission to retrieve a hunting dog.

A quick retrieval is always in the best interests of the dog, dog owner, and property owner.

In the States of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa a person on foot may, without permission, enters private land without a firearm to retrieve a hunting dog. After retrieving the dog, the person must immediately leave the premises. This exception does not authorize the taking of wild game.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Rock County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing retrieval of a hunting dog from property without permission from the property owner as long as the person is unarmed and leaves the property immediately upon retrieval of dog.

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